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In re Application of:

IWASA, Shoji

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For:

Polishing Composition and Rinse Composition

Group Art Unit:

1755

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

- 1. In regard to the above-identified application, in addition to this 2 page transmittal letter, we are submitting the attached: 4 Page Information Disclosure Statement; 1 Page list of References; 1 Reference; and Return Postcard.
- 2. With respect to fees:
 - □ No additional fee is required.
 - □ Attached is check(s) in the amount of \$
 - □ Charge additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

3. CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefore.

4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment associated with this communication to the Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,

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<u>X</u>	IV. Fee Authorization. If any fee is due for consideration of this Information Disclosure								
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For the purpose of this certification, Applicant considers the PCT International Search Authority to constitute a foreign patent office.

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